



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: PEYTON W. HALL ET AL.  
Filed: MARCH 6, 2002  
For: A CHEMICALLY AND BIOLOGICALLY RESISTANT HYDRATION  
SYSTEM  
Serial No.: 10/092,030  
Group Art Unit: 3764  
Examiner: PATEL, NIHIR B.  
Atty Dkt: TRIA:005

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Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION; RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant submits this paper in response to the office action dated January 18, 2007. In the office action, the examiner entered a restriction requirement as follows:

Group I: claims 1-7 and 16-28, drawn to hydration system apparatus and method of storing a fluid, classified in class 222, subclass 92.

Group II: claims 8-15, drawn to process for manufacturing a hydration system, classified in class 53, subclass 452.

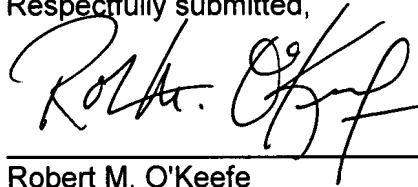
Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement because the examiner has already mailed two (2) substantive office actions in this case. The statements in the most recent office action that there would be a serious burden on the examiner to examine all the claims is therefore clearly erroneous. Furthermore, a restriction in

this case is untimely due to the two prior substantive office actions. Applicant has, moreover, not amended the claims that might necessitate a restriction. In view of the foregoing it is requested that the restriction be withdrawn.

As required by the Rules, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-7 and 16-28, with traverse.

Should any fees under 37 CRF 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from O'Keefe, Egan, Peterman & Enders, LLP Deposit Account No. 10-1205/TRIA:005. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert O'Keefe", written over a horizontal line.

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